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1. The Carlos Balino Academy (or Escuela de Cuadros, as it was referred to within the Partido Socialista Popular ((PSP)) for the training of young Communist militants was closed shortly after the outbreak of war in Korea, and training of the students was delegated to the various district committees of the PSP. However, it has been reported that the committees have not been conducting classes for the Carlos Balinos students, since they have been engaged in more urgent matters, such as determining means for increasing the sale of the newspaper Hoy and other publications, and the fight "por la paz". The committees have neither the time nor the necessary tranquil atmosphere in which to conduct their classes.
2. According to source, the Gimnasio Hernandez on Calle 25 #164, Vedado, which has long been a gathering place for Communists, has had an increased attendance since the Korean conflict, and it is believed that it may be used by the Communists for some of their secret meetings. Carlos Hernandez, a fanatical negro Communist and athletic instructor who runs the Gimnasio, has been active in the Party for many years and conducted physical culture classes at the Carlos Balino Academy when it was active.
3. All graduates of the Carlos Balino Academy have been catalogued so that information on their aptitudes and abilities is readily available. Many of the young graduates are being used as secret police by the Party. The head of this police organization is Dr. Arnaldo Escalona Almeida, who was the mayoralty candidate for the PSP in Guanabacoa in the June 1950 elections.

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